Central Pay Commission recommendation *vide* OM Nos. 2-1-87—PIC-II dated 14th April, 1987 and 2-1-87—PIC-1/dated the 16th April, 1987 and they are still getting pension of Rs. 258/- PM only;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) whether Director General, Resettlement have received any representation from the Ex-Servicemen in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) War Injury Pay is admissible to those service personnel who were invalided out of service due to an injury/disability sustained during operations; provided the percentage of disability is assessed at 20 per cent or more.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The personnel of the Brigade of Guards were also given minimum pension in accordance with the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

(d) Representations received from Ex-servicemen by DGR regarding pensionary matters are sent to the concerned authorities for redressal.

Disparity in the age of retirement in Armed Forces

2509. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officers of special duty list (SD) of the rank of Lt. (Cdr.) Commander and below in the Navy are retiring at the age of 50 years, whereas their counterparts in the Army and Air Force are retiring at the age of 55 years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this disparity among the three wings of Armed Forces and the action proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether Government have issued any directions to remove this disparity; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a high level committee appointed by Government to study the problems of ex-servicemen had recommended that ex-servicemen should be re-employed upto the age of 58 years like any other Government Servant; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The age of retirement of officers in the three Services have been fixed in accordance with the specific requirements of each Service.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The High Level Committee had recommended that the plea of Service personnel that those retiring below the age of 58 years should be automatically provided placement in civilian careers so as to enable them to continue in Government service till they attained the age of 58 years merited careful and sympathetic consideration.

(e) This recommendation was considered by the Government but was not found acceptable.

IGMDP project in West Bengal

2510. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had sanctioned the I.G.M.D.P. project in 1986 for Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, whether the said project is being implemented; if not, the reasons for delay in his regard?